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DAVID SCHNEIDER HOUSE

Location: 1-1/2 miles north-northeast of Limekiln (Oley Line),
Limekiln Vicinity, Berks County, Pennsylvania

Present Owner: Eastern Lime Corporation

Present Occupant: David L. Snyder

Present Use: Residence

Brief Statement of Significance: Built in 1831, this is an example of a simple,
but substantial, stone farm house.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- A. Original and subsequent owners: This house was originally owned by David Schneider, who inherited this farm from his uncle, Peter Herbein, in 1828. For previous owners and an earlier building, see Bertolet-Herbein Cabin in the Historic American Buildings Survey. The property has remained in the Schneider family until recently: 1866 to Jackson Schneider; then to his widow, Annie Snyder (anglicized spelling); in 1916 to David L. Snyder; and c. 1955 to the present owner.
- B. Date of erection: According to a date stone in the upper center of the south, or front, side, the house was built for David Schneider and Mary Schneider in 1831.
- C. Reference: James C. Massey, "The Bertolet-Herbein Cabin," The American-German Review, vol. XXV, no. 3 (February-March 1960), pages 12-14.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The Schneider house is a two-and-a-half story stone house, four bays in width, with two front doors--one probably added later, as it is larger than the other, which matches the windows. The one-story frame porch on the south, or front, of the house is also probably of a later date. The house is structurally sound and well maintained.

The walls and foundations are of limestone. Two brick chimneys project above the roof at each gable end.

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The doors and windows are set in simple, unadorned frames. The windows are double-hung sash of nine-over-six panes with solid, three-panel shutters on the first and second floors.

The gable roof is covered with composition shingles, and there are no dormers. A boxed cornice on the sides is returned at the gable ends.

The building is L-shaped, with two rooms and a stair hall in the front block. Kitchen and service area extend behind the left side room.

The house faces south and is situated in a farm yard with several outbuildings behind it. To the northwest is the much older Bertolet-Herbein log house (see also in the Historic American Buildings Survey).

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